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SUBJECT: BANDA WARNING OF ASSASSINATION PLOT

REF: STEVENSON - WILKOWSKI LETTER, 2/5/76

1. GOM INFORMATION DEPT'S DAILY DIGEST OF AUGUST 24 REPORTS 8/22 SPEECH BY PRESIDENT BANDA IN WHICH HE ALLEGED THAT "KANYAMA CHIUME, TANDIKA MKANDAWIRE AND TWO BROTHERS, TONY MWENEFUMBO AND MPAKATI (SIC)," MALAWIAN POLITICAL EXILES IN LUSAKA, HAD BEEN CLAIMING THAT WITH SUPPORT OF GRZ THEY WOULD SEND A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO ASSASSINATE BANDA. BANDA ASKED RHETORICALLY "HOW CAN ANY MINISTER IN THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA... HELP MPAKATI AND HIS NEFAIOUS PLANS?" HE THEN URGED MALAWIANS TO "BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR STRANGE FACES."

2. ASIDE FROM REFERENCED LETTER, DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BEAR ON BANDA'S ALLEGATION. WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENTS. ROBINSON

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